

# Palatka Daily News

Good Evening—

He who delays the honesty of today till tomorrow will prolong his troubles to eternity.—Lavater.

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## ST. PETERSBURG MOURNS DEATH OF VICTIM OF GIANT FISH; HEROISM OF CHUM BEING EXTOLLED BY THOUSANDS

Details of Death of High School Swimming Star

### MISS RIPPER OPEN TWICE

Loss of Blood Caused Death Before Land Was Reached

(Special to The News.)

St. Petersburg, June 19.—While preparations were going forward for the funeral of Miss Dorothy McClatchie, 18, high school swimming star, who died from the effects of an attack by a giant barracuda a mile out in the bay late Saturday afternoon, much attention is being given to the death of the girl, who lies in St. Petersburg hospital in a critical state.

Full details of the tragic story have been related by those participating in the rescue of the two girls, and more vividly the heroism of Miss Buhner in bringing her companion to death, to a rescue party in a boat.

Miss Buhner and Miss McClatchie were taken from the end of the municipal pier at 5:15 Saturday afternoon to swim around the buoy, which is about a mile out. They had successfully reached the buoy and were making their way leisurely back to shore, following their plans for school to fall, when they proposed to be rescued. Suddenly Miss McClatchie screamed and went under a moment, making violent struggles in the water. A second time she was pulled under by something, according to Miss Buhner, and she told her companion to kiss her, that she was gone.

Knowing that Miss McClatchie had been attacked Miss Buhner gave her assistance, being a powerful swimmer herself, and commenced screaming for help. For nearly half an hour she kept up the struggle before she was finally able to attract attention. Her cries were finally heard by George Rowe and Willie Mexis, proprietors of the refreshment stand on the municipal pier. They ran to the pier and told Louis Lancaster. He immediately put out in his motor boat and reached the girls in ten minutes. The McClatchie girl practically lifeless when aid arrived.

### Rush to Hospital.

An automobile on the pier was used to service and the race began to the hospital in a vain effort to save the girl's life. News of the accident had not spread and a number of bathers on the run-down board, dashed through the water with the siren screaming.

### A Premonition.

Miss McClatchie and Miss Buhner were in the afternoon attended by a doctor. They were late in getting to the hospital and Miss Buhner spoke to her chum and said: "Dorothy, Dorothy, or we'll be late for the funeral."

### Happened at 5:30.

Two swimmers dived off the end of the Municipal pier at about 5:30, according to the channel marker, a mile off the end of the Palatka Coast Line pier. They were taken up by the rescuing boat and taken to the hospital as they were returning to the pier.

Swimmers on the pier watched the girls as they swam through the water and some made remarks about the dangerous undertaking.

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## Miss Buhner's Tragic Story of the Rescue

By Eve Alsman.

St. Petersburg, June 19.—"Kiss me, Mary, I'm gone."

The last words of little "Dot" McClatchie were gasped out in a strangely quiet voice to her companion, Mary Buhner. The next instant the body relaxed in the blood-covered water, and Mary Buhner began her fight for her schoolmate's life.

Mary, although completely exhausted, her muscles swollen and torn from the struggle, told the entire story in a calm voice, as she lay resting from the fearful ordeal Saturday night.

"We had just taken our time to swim out to the buoy," Mary began, "and we talked and laughed as we went. When we left the pier, Dot said to me: 'When we return, we'll swim out on the other side where the people can't see us, and I'll pretend I've gone under. Then you can grasp me by the hair and save me, and we'll get our names in the paper.'"

"I said: 'No, you save me.'"

Talked About Club.

"We swam out with long, easy strokes. Dorothy was a powerful swimmer, and talked and laughed about our club we formed yesterday. We were silent for a little while."

"I imagine we were swimming about as far apart as from here to the table," indicating a table about four feet away.

"Dot's head bobbed, or rather her whole body jerked, but I didn't pay much attention until she screamed, 'Oh, I'm bitten,' and her head seemed to jerk a second time."

"Where, Dot?"

"Oh, my foot's gone!"

Blood Covered Water.

"I rushed to her and jerked her, because I thought the fish, or whatever it was, was pulling her under. There might have been a school of those things, or else, it bit her twice. I couldn't see anything. But in just an instant the blood spread out all over the water where we were."

"I felt to see if her foot was still there, and knew that it must be her leg. I think she swam about two side strokes."

"I'm going," she said.

"No, Dot, buck up; I'll tow you in."

"Keep quiet; float; I'll tow you in."

Tried to Make Tourniquet.

"She didn't struggle and didn't seem to suffer much. I put my hand under her head and started. But the blood was all around us in a kind of thick pool. I remembered that I might be able to tie her leg. I tore at her suit and then at mine, but they wouldn't tear. Then I took my cap off, but I couldn't tear it either. The blood kept coming out over the water. Dot didn't try to swim, but she was quiet. We made little headway."

"Mary, kiss me," Dot said, as if she were talking to me, 'I'm gone.' Her body seemed to relax a little. I thought only that I had to get her in. I held my hand just back of her head, and started. The waves were so high."

Passed by Boat.

The Genevieve was coming in, but Mary said she couldn't make them hear.

"I screamed and waved one hand, but they couldn't see me. Dot was white, but I didn't dare think. I started on a side stroke. I think it was, but had to do most of the work with my feet, because of the weight."

"I kept thinking, 'God, let me tow her in.' Then I saw the boat, but I had to keep one hand waving at them so they could see us. Then when they got us in the boat, I started giving her exercises to bring her to. But it was no use."

"Oh, poor Dot. It was horrible. I'll never forget it, poor little Dot."

TOO MANY WATERMELONS

Jacksonville, June 19.—The state marketing bureau asks that all farmers stop shipping watermelons to Jacksonville for the next few days, as the market is flooded.

## THIN GRAY LINE IS REFORMING AT RICHMOND TODAY

Heroes of Lost Cause Recount Again Their Deeds of Daring

### MEET IN HISTORIC CITY

Estimated 50,000 Veterans Will Attend the Reunion

(By Associated Press)

Richmond, Va., June 19.—Reliving in memory the hopes and fears of '61 and '65, Richmond today opened wide her gates and with love and admiration welcomed the surviving band of grey-coated men who by their valor made immortal the armies of Lee and Jackson.

Hundreds who rallied about the brilliant Stuart, many who charged with the gallant Forrest, some who trailed with dashing Mosby, others who were the grey navy's seamen—men who drew sabres, shouldered muskets and cannonaded under the leadership of famous southern chieftains, are assembled here for the thirty-second annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. From the green hills of Maryland and the purple valleys of Virginia, from the yellow sands of the Texan plains, from the gulf waters and even from the shores of the far Pacific, they have come together again to worship at the shrine of an unforgetting cause—in the city that once was their beloved capital and the heart of an ever-to-be-remembered Confederacy.

The silent woods and fields in and about the historic city, which once were loud with strife, today are alive with the voices of this fast-thinning band. Slow treading, bent with age and touched to gray by the hand of time, some so feeble they cannot walk, others with eyes so dim they can barely see their diminishing ranks now numbering not more than 4,000, are reuniting and living again in comradeship and ties hallowed by sacred recollection. That gallant army of 600,000 men that followed the Stars and Bars sixty years ago has lessened and lessened in numbers with the passing years until their ranks have become as elusive as a far sea line dimly penciled on the sky of the present.

With the old soldiers, their families and friends, it is estimated that Richmond today is host to approximately 50,000 visitors. The reunion will not officially open until tomorrow morning. In the meantime the grizzled veterans are being quartered in Richmond homes where every attention and loving care is being extended. Young visitors are being lodged in hotels and public buildings. In the latter hundreds of army cots, loaned by the war department, have been provided.

Late today the program of reunion week will open with the annual convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, followed to-night by the opening of the yearly sessions of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. At the meeting of the Sons the sponsors, maids of honor and chaperones will be presented by Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi. Addresses of welcome on behalf of Virginia and the city will be delivered by Governor Trinkle and Mayor Ainslie, respectively. The memorial association's meeting will be taken up with committee reports and routine matters.

With the city in a gay but reverent mood, every building is splashed with bunting and flags—eloquent in color and sentiment. On Monument avenue veterans and visitors are strolling about the great statues of Davis, Lee, Jackson, Stuart and Hill. Jackson's figure, sombre and majestic as a cathedral; Lee's, patrician and noble and stainless as a saint's.

Not far away legions of the Confederate dead sleep row on row in their woodland resting places in famous Hollywood cemetery. As if to commune with comrades who more than a half a century ago entered the portals of death, grey-coated veterans are seen strolling about the simply marked graves. Shrunken bodies and withered hands, faces wan and wrinkled as old parchment, they stand silently beside the mounds which to

## TWO HOMICIDES ADDED TO JAX'S LIST OF SEASON

Deadly Triangle Cause of Shooting in a Kitchen

### BOY KILLS PLAYMATE

Both Had Pistols While at Play Under a House

(By Associated Press)

Jacksonville, June 19.—Gaither Newman, 27, a guard at the county stockade, shot and instantly killed Arnold Burney, a furniture salesman in the kitchen in the Newman home at noon today. Newman said that Burney had alienated his wife's affections. The wife, 19 years old, denies this, saying that Burney had called to sell her a phonograph. Newman surrendered to the authorities.

James Smith, 9, was shot and killed today by Albert Johnson, aged 8. Both are negroes. Both of the boys had pistols, one loaded and one empty. They were playing under a house at the time. Albert fled after the shooting and has not been found.

## MAINE IS NAMING SENATE CANDIDATE AT PRIMARY TODAY

Hale Is Trying for a Re-nomination to the Office

(By Associated Press)

Portland, June 19.—United States Senator Frederick Hale sought re-nomination by the Republicans at the Maine state primaries today. Opposed to him were former Congressman Frank E. Guernsey and former State Senator Howard Davies.

Senator Hale's campaign was confined to brief statements to the effect that he was content to stand on the record of his first term. Mr. Guernsey, who was defeated for the nomination six years ago by Senator Fernald, then governor, by 800 votes, has emphasized the geographical issue. He has pointed out that Senators Hale and Fernald both live in the western part of the state and he contended that eastern Maine ought to have a senator. Mr. Davies is known as the labor union candidate.

Governor Percival P. Baxter, Republican, was a candidate for re-nomination and was opposed by John P. Deering and Leon F. Higgins.

Women voted for the first time in a state primary and for the first time there were women candidates for various offices.

They are as sacred as an unvoiced prayer. With bowed heads and reverent gestures, it is as if their thoughts were turned to the lines of Virginia Frazer Boyle, poet laureate of the United Confederate Veterans:

"Sing low, oh voices singing in the silence;

"Breathe low, oh prayer of faith upon the sod,

"For we are calling, calling in our sadness,

"Dear souls that went to God."

Last night and today special trains from every state in the south were arriving with members of veterans camps, maids and sponsors and veterans families and friends.

Busy scenes were enacted at the railroad stations as the old soldiers disembarked. Tattered and torn battle flags were unfurled, sabre and saddle and ancient muskets were taken from sacred places. In a number of instances veterans came wearing the grey clothes with which they went into battle sixty years ago.

The reunion proper will open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when Commander in Chief Carr calls the veterans to order. The old soldiers will be welcomed to Virginia by Governor E. Lee Trinkle and the address of welcome on behalf of the city will be delivered by Mayor George Ainslie. The reunion address by Dr. Douglas

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## RIOTOUS SCENES ATTEND BASEBALL AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Palatka Players and Umpire Poole Are Attacked

### SAINTS IN CIVIL WAR

Carter and Colee Have Short Bout Back of Grandstand

(By Associated Press)

With clashes more serious than fistcuffs imminent, and after Umpire Poole had been assaulted twice by Third Baseman Carter, of the St. Augustine club, in yesterday's scheduled double-header at Lewis Park, the first game was called at the end of the eighth inning, and all scheduled games with the Saints were canceled by Manager Boaz, of the Uals.

The final melee came after continued exhibition of truculency on the part of the Saints, led by Manager Forest Davies, and was attended by numerous fistcuffs in the grandstand and bleachers, and the rushing of hundreds of spectators on to the playing field. Excitement ran high and Judge Obe Goode, president of the Saints, agreed with Manager Boaz that it would be unsafe to continue the contest with the crowd in such an inflamed state. Judge Goode made a speech to the grandstand in which he deplored the circumstances, explained that the personal equation could not be eliminated in a ball game, and that man's impetuosity often led him to acts under stress that he would not otherwise be guilty of.

### Larzo Attacked in Sixth.

It has long been tradition here that the Saints cannot be defeated on their home grounds without a row. On two previous occasions Palatka ball clubs have been intimidated to such an extent that they refused to play, and on one of these occasions the management refused to pay over the agreed proportion of the gate receipts to the Palatka club. So that when the break came in the seventh, when Palatka had scored five runs and not a Saint had gotten to second, nor had a hit been secured off Valdez, many were not surprised.

With S. Colee at bat Captain Davies, of the Saints, rushed out to the plate and charged that Catcher Larzo was interfering with the batter. Umpire Poole said he was right over the play and that there was no undue interference. Colee was the first man up. After a few words Larzo crouched as if to receive the ball, when Davies struck him, and Francis, who was near by, rushed in as other players trooped from the Saint dugout. McDaniels and Cliff Colee, as peace-makers, succeeded in quieting the players, after Larzo had been punched several times from all sides. After Captain Davies had been persuaded to return to the bench he made a dash for Larzo again and struck him from the rear just as Cliff Colee caught him again.

It was several minutes before play was resumed, and there was a noticeable nervousness on the part of the Palatka players, as hundreds of spectators, in belligerent mood, swarmed on the field, and there were cries of "Kill him" from the grandstand. During the progress of the succeeding inning St. Augustine scored three runs on two errors, singles by Francis and Small and a double by Cliff Colee, sent in to pinch hit for Small.

### Tie It Up and Fight.

In the eighth the Saints tied it up, the last man, McDaniels, getting out at the plate with what would have been a one-run lead. Winn returned the ball from left field with a perfect throw and Larzo made a clean tag. McDaniels was called out and started for the bench when Third Baseman Carter rushed out, struck Umpire Poole and grappled with him. Cliff Colee and Captain Davies seized the belligerent player and a general mixup resulted again. Umpire Poole, who is suffering from several chest wounds and gas suffered during the world war, started to pull off his breast protector, and walked over to the Saints' bench, where Carter again made an effort to attack him. Cliff Colee then took

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## PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS OF AUTO ORDINANCE COMPANY INDICTED ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO EXPORT

Concern Is Alleged to Have Started Guns to Sinn Fein

### FOUND IN COAL BUNKER

Prominent Men in Financial World Among Indicted

(By Associated Press)

Trenton, N. J., June 19.—Colonel Marcellus H. Thompson, vice president and active head of the Auto Ordinance company of New York, has been indicted by the federal grand jury here on a charge of conspiracy to ship arms to Ireland in violation of the neutrality laws. The announcement was made today by Assistant United States District Attorney Thomas V. Arrowsmith.

Indictments have also been returned against the Auto-Ordinance Company and seven other individuals on the same charge, as the result of the seizure at Hoboken last June of the Cosmopolitan line freighter East Side, in the coal bunkers of which were found 495 machine guns. The guns were alleged to have been destined for use by the Sinn Fein in Ireland.

The other individuals indicted are: Frank Williams, alias Lawrence de Lacy, alias Lawrence Pierce, who is alleged to have paid for the shipment of guns, and his brother, Fred Williams, alias Edward de Lacy, who is alleged to have been implicated in the purchase of the guns. Both are now believed to be in Ireland.

George Gordon Rorke, a salesman of Washington owhoo is alleged to have placed an order for the guns with the Auto-Ordinance Company.

Frank J. Merkle, secretary of the Auto-Ordinance Company.

Frank B. Ochsenfer of New York and Washington, who is accused of placing the first order for some of the guns with the Auto-Ordinance Company.

John Culhane, a truckman of New York, who is alleged to have carted the guns from the American Railway Express Company in New York to his storehouse in the Bronx for Frank Williams.

A Mr. Brophy, whose first name is unknown to the federal authorities, who is alleged to have carted the shipment from Culhane's storehouse to the East Side.

The guns were manufactured by the Colt Patent Arms Company of Hartford, Conn., and are alleged to have been sold by the Auto-Ordinance Company. Their inventor is said to be General John P. Thompson, father of Colonel Thompson. The latter is a son in law of Colonel George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain. There was considerable mystery about the guns after their seizure and an investigation was started by the United States Shipping Board and the department of justice. Frank Williams claimed ownership of the guns after the seizure. He declared he had purchased a number of guns through the Auto-Ordinance Company and stored them in a warehouse. He said they had been stolen from the warehouse and asserted he did not know how they got on the ship.

Rorke, later was arrested and was released on \$3,000 bail. He is said to have admitted that he sold the guns to a group of strange men.

The indictments were returned by the January federal grand jury which concluded its work in April. Information concerning the indictments was withheld, it was indicated, because of the inability to reach some of those indicted.

McDaniels Admits He Was Out.

In a statement issued last night Umpire Poole said that he did not hear what transpired between Larzo and Davies, but that he judged the Saints manager was speaking in rather harsh terms, and that Larzo, who was squatting down, made some unintelligible reply, whereupon Davies struck him. Umpire Poole also stated that McDaniels told him afterwards that he was out, and that he didn't see why Carter should have interfered. "I'll never umpire another

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France Will Take Part in Russian Peace Conference

(By Associated Press)

Paris, June 19.—France will take part in the conference at The Hague with the Russian delegates beginning June 26, it was officially announced at the foreign office this morning. If political questions are introduced, however, the French delegates will promptly withdraw.